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Entity ID Number 2339205

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Title of Action: Jesse Hearns vs. Travelers Personal Security Insurance Company

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Case/Reference No: CT-001168-13

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March 22, 2013

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Re: Jessie And Gwendolyn Hearns V. Travelers Pers. Sec. Ins. Co.

Docket # Ct-001168-13

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 56-2-504 or § 56-2-506, the Department of Commerce and Insurance was served March 21, 2013, on your behalf in connection with the above-styled proceeding. Documentation relating to the subject is herein enclosed.

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Case 2:13-cv-02217-JTF(CIRCUIT/CHANGERY) COURT OF TENNESSEE Page 3 of 11 PageID 7 140 ADAMS AVENUE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38103 FOR THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT MEMPHIS

SUMMONS IN CIVIL ACTION

Docket No. CT-001168-13	LawsuitDivorce	Ad Damnum \$
JESSIE HEARNS and GWENDOLYN HEARNS		TRAVELERS PERSONAL SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY
	VS	
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JIMMY MOORE , Clerk / DONNA RUSSELL, Clerk and Ma	aster	

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TENNESSEE

FOR THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT MEMPHIS				
JESSIE HEARNS and GWENDOLYN HEARNS,	MAR 1.5 2013 U			
Plaintiffs				
VS.) NO. CT-00/168-13			
TRAVELERS PERSONAL SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY) Dwy on III			
Defendant))			

COMPLAINT

COME NOW the Plaintiffs, Jessie Hearns and Gwendolyn Hearns, and file this Complaint for Damages. In support thereof, Plaintiffs would state unto this Honorable Court as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. Plaintiffs, Jessie Hearns and Gwendolyn Hearns, are residents of, and domiciled in, the State of Mississippi.
- 2. Defendant, Travelers Personal Security Insurance Company ("Travelers" or "Defendant") is a foreign insurance company doing business in the State of Tennessee that may be served with process through the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, Attn: Service of Process; 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243-1131.
- 3. Plaintiffs' seek to enforce an insurance contract and seek damages, penalties, interest, costs and fees resulting from Defendant's breach of the insurance contract.

- 4. Plaintiffs specifically alleges that valid service of process has been issued and will be properly served upon the Defendant herein.
- 5. Jurisdiction and venue are properly found in Shelby County, Tennessee pursuant to T.C.A. §20-4-101, and related sections.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 6. On or about October 15, 2008, Travelers issued Plaintiffs a Homeowners Policy of Insurance (No. 983858673-633-1), which insured, *inter alia*, the dwelling, structures, and personal property located at 2991 Huntington Trail Dr., Memphis, Tennessee 38115.
- 7. The Plaintiffs suffered substantial losses as a result of burglaries and/or thefts which occurred on September 6, 2010 and October 7, 2010.
- 8. Plaintiffs submitted claims to Travelers for the losses suffered as a result of the above-referenced burglaries and/or theft. The claims were assigned Claim Nos. HER2294 and HER4294, respectively.
- 9. Plaintiffs complied with all applicable duties and conditions relating to the submission of proofs of claim regarding Claim Nos. HER2294 and HER4294 and the investigation of the same.
- 10. However, Travelers denied coverage for Claim Nos. HER2294 and HER4294 on August 15, 2011.
 - 11. Traveler's denials of Claim Nos. HER2294 and HER4294 were made in bad faith.
- 12. As a result of Traveler's bad faith denials of Claim Nos. HER2292 and HER4294, Plaintiffs have suffered substantial damages including, but not limited to the following:
 - a. the value of the losses claimed in Claim Nos. HER2294 and HER4294;
 - b. Extra-contractual and consequential damages;

- c. Extreme mental distress, anxiety and anguish;
- d. Additional losses and expenses, including attorney fees and costs of litigation; and
- e. General aggravation and annoyance.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I - BREACH OF INSURANCE CONTRACT

- 13. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference each and every one of the foregoing paragraphs as if fully restated herein.
- 14. Plaintiffs and Defendant entered into a written agreement whereby Plaintiff agreed to purchase, and Defendant agreed to provide homeowners insurance.
- 15. Plaintiff performed all of the conditions, covenants and promises required by him to be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.
- 16. Defendant breached the agreement with Plaintiffs by denying and failing to pay properly submitted claims for damages.
- 17. As a result of Defendant's breach, Plaintiffs have been damaged and are entitled to compensation.

COUNT II - BAD FAITH FAILURE TO PAY INSURANCE CLAIM

- 18. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference each and every one of the foregoing paragraphs as if fully restated herein.
- 19. Defendant refused to pay the loss within sixty (60) days after demand was made by the Plaintiffs, and such refusal to pay the loss was not in good faith.
- 20. Additionally, the Defendant's refusal to pay inflicted additional expense, loss, or injury, including attorney fees, upon Plaintiffs.

21. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §56-7-105(a), Defendants are, therefore, liable to Plaintiffs for a sum up to 25% on the liability for the loss, with such loss being measured by the additional expense, loss, and injury including attorney fees.

COUNT III - UNJUST ENRICHMENT

- 22. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference each and every one of the foregoing paragraphs as if fully restated herein.
- 23. Unjust enrichment is based on the equitable principle that a person shall not be allowed to enrich himself unjustly at the expense of another.
- 24. In the instant case, the Defendants are in possession of money and funds which in good conscious and justice they should not retain, but deliver to Plaintiffs.
- 25. Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court order Defendant to pay such monies and funds to which they are entitled according to equity and good conscious.

COUNT IV - Breach of Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing

- 26. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference each and every one of the foregoing paragraphs as if fully restated herein.
- 27. All contracts contain an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing in performance and enforcement.
- 28. The breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing is bad faith characterized by some conduct which violates standards of decency, fairness or reasonableness.
- 29. The Defendant's conduct, and that of their employees, associates, and/or agents, described above, breached the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing implicit in the insurance contract to which Plaintiffs were a party.

30. As a direct and proximate result of wrongful act and/or omissions Defendant, Plaintiffs have suffered injuries and are entitled to compensation.

COUNT V - NEGLIGENT AND/OR INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

- 31. The Plaintiffs incorporate all of the other paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully stated herein.
- 32. The acts, practices and conduct engaged in by the Defendant vis-à-vis the Plaintiff was so outrageous in character, and so extreme in degree, as to go beyond all possible bounds of decency, and to be regarded as atrocious, and utterly intolerable in a civilized community.
- 33. The foregoing conduct constitutes the torts of negligent and/or intentional infliction of emotional distress under the laws of the State of Tennessee.
- 34. All acts of Defendants complained of herein were committed with wantonness and recklessness, and as such, Defendant is subject to imposition of punitive damages.
- 35. Defendants could reasonably foresee their conduct would cause mental anguish and severe emotional distress to Plaintiffs.
- 36. Plaintiffs did indeed suffer mental anguish and severe emotional distress including post-traumatic stress, paranoia, and depression.
- 37. Defendants' conduct resulted in negligent infliction of emotional distress under the laws of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiffs pray for the following:

1. That proper process be issued and served upon Defendants, requiring them to answer this Complaint within the time allotted by the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure;

2. That the Plaintiffs be awarded a judgment against the Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount of not less than \$250,000.00, or an amount to be more specifically

proven either before or at trial;

3. That the Plaintiffs be awarded bad faith damages pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann.

§56-7-105(a) in an amount of 25% on the liability for the loss;

4. That the Plaintiff be awarded punitive damages against the Defendants, jointly

and severally, in an amount of not less than \$500,000.00 or an amount to be more specifically

proven either before or at trial;

5. That the Plaintiffs be awarded pre- and post-judgment interest at the maximum

rate permitted by law;

6. That the Plaintiffs be awarded discretionary costs as the Court deems appropriate;

7. That the Plaintiffs be awarded all court costs and other expenses of this action;

9. That the Plaintiffs be awarded reasonable attorney fees against the Defendants;

and

10. That the Plaintiffs be awarded any and all such other and further relief to which

they might be entitled by law.

Respectfully submitted,

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